# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HOME AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS COMMISSION ON ANTI TERRORISM MECHANISM
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) the steps taken on the recommendation of the Administrative Reforms Commission with regard to the total technological overhaul of the anti-terror machinery and to streamline the intelligence network;

(b) whether the Government is planning to associate civil society in the drive against such activities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a): The Administrative Reforms Commission in its report on "Public Order" has recommended formulation of a new law to define/ investigate/ trials certain offences such as organized crime, terrorism, acts threatening national security, trafficking in arms and human being, sedition, assassination of (including attempts on) major public figures, serious economic offences, etc. which is having inter-State of national ramifications. The Ministry of Home Affairs has been considering this issue in consultation with the State Governments. Most of the States, from which comments have been received, have expressed reservations/apprehensions on this issue, 'police' and 'public order' being subjects in the State list in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution. In this report, recommendation has also been made for strengthening intelligence gathering by way of combining human intelligence with information derived from adverse sources, developing multi-disciplinary capability by utilizing services of experts in various disciplines, installation of video cameras/CCTVs at public places, revival of beat police system etc.

In order to optimize intelligence flow and coordination between multifarious agencies at the Centre and in the States in the field of counter terrorism and counter intelligence, a Multi-Agency Centre (MAC) and Joint Task Force on Intelligence (JTFI) have been created in Intelligence Bureau at Delhi, supported by Subsidiary Multi- Agency Centers (SMACs) at almost all State capitals. Steps have also been taken to strengthen counter intelligence apparatus in Intelligence Bureau.

Further, the States have been asked to revamp the Special Branches by way of filling up of vacancies; posting of competent officers in Special Branches; mandatory tenure preferably of 5 years for personnel in special Branches and linkage of this requirement with promotion; system of incentives/disincentives; dedicated staff for intelligence work right upto the police stations level and re-activating beat constable system; making available modern equipment and gadgets for interception; special training for personnel posted in Special Branches and to earmark upto 5% of their annual allocations under the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces (MPF) for strengthening of special Branches.

(b) & (c): The Government acknowledges the civil society to be an important partner in fight against terrorism. The States have been taking steps to encourage community policing and elicit people's participation in prevention of crimes and maintenance of public order.